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Responsible for administration of the electronic documentation and archiving system for obstetrical services and having successfully led implementation of conversion of the first hospital departments from paper to electronic documentation, Diane Goddeeris is an Obstetrics Informatics Nurse at Sparrow Hospital. Having served on the Editorial Advisory Board for The American Nurse, Goddeeris is recognized for her role as presenter and keynote speaker at various nursing and OB Trace Vue User Group conferences and meetings covering a broad range of health informatics topics over several years.



A former inductee into the Michigan Nurses Association Hall of Fame and recipient of several Sparrow Awards including Sparrow Hospital Nurse of the Year-Women's Services, she is a leader in nursing and has held several community and government leadership roles as well.

Goddeeris is a member of the Capital Area Michigan Works Administrative Board, Tri-County Office on Aging Board of Directors, and Community Relations Coalition Board, and formerly held the positions of East Lansing Mayor, Michigan Delegate to the National Democratic Convention and East Lansing City Council Member.

Goddeeris is currently a member of National Nurses United and the Michigan Nurses Association, having held leadership positions in both associations.

DIANE'S STORY

When I was very young, I had numerous eye surgeries requiring me to stay overnight in a hospital and remember that it was the nurses who took care of me when I was scared or hurting. Over the years when I had additional surgeries, the nurses were always a key part of my hospitalization so it was no surprise that I also wanted to go to college to be a nurse and play an important role in someone's life. Despite my father encouraging me to be a lawyer or a doctor, I pursued my goal telling him that being a nurse was a more important profession than either of those two.

I worked as a staff nurse in a hospital for 18 years before moving to my current role as an Informatics Nurse. While I loved being a bedside nurse, I saw that new technology was going to radically change things in nursing and believed it was

important that a nurse's voice was involved in that change. For the past 9 years, I have been working to design the electronic medical record used in the obstetric area in a way that allows the staff nurse to document efficiently so patient care is not affected. At the same time, the EMR needs to be designed to collect data that can be used to help improve patient care especially in the area of safe staffing. Having my peers support my role and receiving their thanks daily keeps me going in this new ever-changing and very challenging role. In addition, my skills as a nurse don't stop at the hospital. While serving as a member of the East Lansing City Council, I use the nursing process to deal with the issues facing the city and receive great support from the residents who trust a nurse in that position.